

MINUTES

Attendees: Dave Pinsky, City of Santa Rosa
Randy Poole, Sonoma County Water Agency
Krishna Kumar, Sonoma County Water Agency
Pamela Jeane, Sonoma County Water Agency
Pamela Torliatt, City of Petaluma
Tom Hargis, City of Petaluma
Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma
Lee Harry, Valley of the Moon Water District
Steve Phelps, Marin Municipal Water District
Pam Nicolai, Marin Municipal Water District
Jack Gibson, Marin Municipal Water District
George Roberts, Forestville Water District
Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water Company
Syed Rizvi, North Marin Water District
Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati
Matt Mullan, City of Windsor
Noreen Evans, City of Santa Rosa
Don Brand, North Marin Water District
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
John Olaf Nelson, Water Resources Management
Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa

Public Attendees: Bob Anderson
Jo Timmsen, Tell the Truth
Jeane Bender, City of Santa Rosa
Don McEnhill
Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee
Geoff Cartwright
Kiergan Pegg, Sonoma County Water Agency

A. Call to Order

Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, called the meeting to order at 9:14 am.

B. Introductions

The attendees made introductions.

C. Public Comment

Geoff Cartwright advised that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors had denied an appeal to gravel mining on June 24. He also stated that AB 38 passed and he wondered what impact it would have on the Sonoma County Water Agency. He asked where the funding for this was coming from, and stated that the public should have access to these records. Mr. Ferris said that AB 38 was looking at governance of all the Water Agencies in California. The schedule to complete the study is March 2002. Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District asked how AB-38 was going to impact SCWA projects. Mr. DeGabriele said that the North Marin Water District had advocated opposed legislation regarding AB 38 because of potential effects on SCWA projects and requested that SCWA account separately for costs associated with responding to this bill. Mr. Poole said that there would be more talk about this at the next meeting.

D. Approval of July 2, 2001 Minutes

Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma, suggested that a change be made in Section I of the July minutes regarding the Ely Boost station line item budget availability, and then motioned to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

E. Master Agreement Negotiation Update

John Nelson, Water Resources Management, stated that all the parties have now formally stated they will participate in the negotiations. He said that the consultant agreement goes before the Water Agency Board tomorrow for the full hundred thousand dollars. Ms. Torliatt asked if assistance and preparation of the water supply agreement was not to exceed twenty five thousand dollars, as she thought that it was seventy five thousand. Pam Jeane, Sonoma County Water Agency, said that Randy Poole was given the authority to approve up to twenty five thousand more to a total of one hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Nelson passed out handouts showing whom the lead and backup negotiators for each party were, and asked that any changes be faxed back to him. Mr. Nelson told the committee that a coordinating working committee had been assembled to help with the design of the workshops, which included Miles Ferris, Pam Jeane, Ellen Dowling, Tom Jacobsen, Katherine Hook and himself.

Mr. Nelson then distributed the general agenda for September 20 Workshop, for the WAC comment and approval. He said that there would be eight or ten groups of twenty chairs each set in horseshoe shapes with a flip chart at the front. There would be a facilitator and a recorder for each group.

Mr. Nelson said the topics to be presented would be finalized today and that it was necessary to get notices out to the public by putting them in the newspaper and on television, as well as mailing them out. He reminded the contractors to give him copies of their mailing lists so that the notices can go out well in advance of the workshop.

Mr. Nelson also said that an original notice would be emailed to each contractor for reproduction for local handouts

Lee Harry, Valley of the Moon Water District, asked Mr. Nelson what he hoped to accomplish with the first Workshop. Mr. Nelson said that the point of the workshop was not to have the public tell the WAC how the agreement will work, but rather to educate them and get their opinions.

Mr. Nelson went over the five question topics: project implementation and financial aspects, water conservation and recycling, environmental issues, agreement governance and other. Mr. Ferris said that the topics were broad so that a wide range of ideas could be solicited. Mr. Nelson said that the main points of the workshop were to get a general list of issues that are important to the public and the basic ideas for a vision statement. He explained that the second workshop would be more detailed, as far as narrowing the list of issues down.

Ms. Torliatt gave a few suggestions regarding the workshop including, having the contractors provide the technical aspects of the agreement and giving people a chance to write down issues that they think are important. She also asked when the notice was expected to go out. Mr. Nelson said that he would like to see the notice go out about August 20. Ms. Torliatt said that it would be a good idea to include a "fact pack" at the workshops for people to take home. Mr. Nelson said that was already planned.

Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee, asked if notices could be included in the water bills, and said she hoped that source protection could be a focal point of the workshops. Mr. Nelson said that bimonthly billing cycles would not make for effective notices for most contractors. He said that the environmental question was intended to encompass the watershed protection issue.

Jack Gibson, Marin Municipal Water District, said that Marin Municipal Water District would also have its own meeting regarding the negotiations and that more people would come to the city meeting.

Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati, said that she would like to see the workshops be more structured. She wondered if more framework would let the public better know the purpose of the workshop. Mr. Ferris said that it was very difficult to decide on what approach to take as too much structure might limit response. Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa, said that with the way the workshop was set up now, questions and issues that the WAC members haven't thought of had a chance to be raised. He noted that the parties would eventually have the final word on the agreement.

Tom Hargis, City of Petaluma, asked that if the contractors were successful at getting people to come to the workshop, would there be history of the agreement negotiations. Mr. Nelson answered that a history of the current agreement would be handed out at the Workshop.

Mr. Nelson said the date for the next workshop is tentatively set for December 6 in the Sonoma Veterans Hall and that the issues raised in the first workshop would be narrowed down and dealt with then. He asked for WAC consensus.

After consensus, the committee confirmed the date of December 6, 2001. Mr. Ferris said that other dates would be established as the workshops progressed.

Mr. Nelson handed out a hard copy of the proposed website draft and mentioned that Kiergan Pegg, SCWA, is putting it together. He explained the purposes and content of the pages, and particulars of site construction were discussed.

F. WSTSP Update

Mr. Poole handed out a draft of the WSTSP Updated Economic and Financial Report, which included MMWD and Windsor and asked the committee to review it. He said that the WAC comments would be addressed and it would be updated periodically as new information is known. Dave Pinsky, City of Santa Rosa, said that the Santa Rosa was doing work to look at where the funding for the upcoming years is coming from, and asked with respect to the WSTSP if the rates were adjusted for inflation. Mr. Poole said that the rates were not adjusted. Ms. Torliatt asked about the engine and when that timeline will be updated. Ms. Jeane said she was unsure. Ms. Jeane gave a handout describing the ongoing work at the Ely Booster Station and briefed the committee on its status. She said that she talked to the electrical supplier and that instead of a complete overhaul only a couple things will need to be repaired. She went on to say that there was a technical adjustment in July. It will take four to six months to acquire the property and a topographical survey has been done. It's being worked on now, and the original cost estimate is greater than originally thought. The budget does not include this project at that level.

Mr. Poole named some projects that the Agency was working on and mentioned that the Agency was short on staff and was readjusting its workload to accommodate. He said that they are looking to outside help but that it is a lengthy process.

G. Other Business

Ms. Torliatt asked how SCWA lobbyist agreements were funded. Mr. Poole said that they are funded with cooperative agreement. Ms. Torliatt asked where that information was provided and Mr. Poole said that it was included in the agreement. Ms. Torliatt asked for copies of the reports and Mr. Poole said he would get them.

Mr. DeGabriele complimented the city of Santa Rosa and the Sonoma County Water Agency for the mutual training they had established. He also handed out invitations to the NMWD open house scheduled for August 18 and personally invited WAC members.

Mr. Nelson told the committee a few things that Joe Gaffney, City of Rohnert Park, asked him to share, namely that the city's meter installation plan is complete and calls for installation of meters two and a half years ahead of schedule. It was estimated to cost three million-dollars. Mr. Pinsky asked when the estimated date of charging by water use instead of a flat rate was and Mr. Nelson said it was June of 2003.

H. Items for the Next Agenda

The only item for the next agenda is an update on the workshops.

I. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Water Advisory Committee Meeting
August 6, 2001

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